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## Pennsylvania's Vegetable Acreage

HARRISBURG, PA, July 11, 2011 --- Vegetable processors in **Pennsylvania** have contracted 13,100 acres of snap beans in 2011, up 12 percent from the 11,700 acres contracted in 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Pennsylvania's forecasts based on the 2011 July Fresh Market Vegetable Survey indicate that harvested acreage for fresh market sweet corn will be down 300 acres from 2010, and fresh market tomato acreage will be down 100 acres. Fresh market sweet corn acres for harvest are forecast at 13,800 and tomato acres for harvest are forecast at 2,200.

United States **processors** have contracted 1.02 million acres to be planted to the nation's five major vegetable crops (snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes). This is down 8 percent from last year. Acreage declined for all 5 major processed vegetables. Green pea contracted production, at 302,090 tons, is down 16 percent from 2010. Contracted tomato production is forecast at 12.8 million tons, up 1 percent from 2010.

At the United States level, prospective acreage for harvest of 11 selected **fresh market vegetables** during the summer quarter in the major producing states is forecast to be 269,300 acres, up 1 percent from last year. Acreage increases in carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn, and head lettuce, more than offset acreage declines in snap beans, cabbage, celery, bell peppers, and tomatoes. Broccoli and cucumber area remains unchanged. Area forecast for melon harvest is 84,700 acres, down 7 percent from last year. Cantaloupe area is forecast at 25,800 acres, 9 percent below 2010. Honeydew area, at 7,700 acres, is down 11 percent from last year. Watermelon area, at 51,200 acres, is down 6 percent from a year ago.

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